Seaboard Air Line Terminals on Hutchinson Island Across River From City Are Practically Destroyed.

WILL REBUILD DOCKS

Trainload of Louisiana and recent world decision. Texas Cotton Burned-Accurate Estimate of Loss Awaits Checking of Stock.

AWAIIS CRECKING OF STOCK.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 15.—The fire in the Seaboard Air Line terminals on Hutchinson island, just across the Savannah river from Savannah, burned itself out last night. This morning there is a smoking pile of ruins extending for something like five city blocks to be given attention. The work of clearing away the debris will begin just as soon as it is pusiable to handle the burned materials and remove them in order to start the rebuilding of the desiroyed warehouses.

It developed today that a trainload of Texas and Louisiana cotton son here for export was destreyed during the fire. This was in the cars which had been placed for unloading, but the cotton had not been placed in the warehouses. The cotton was the property of the consignors from the point of shipment.

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An investigation today showed that An investigation today showed that the pumps on the property depended upon for fire prevention were not worked to capacity yesterday because there was no steam up to operate them, electric pumps were soon put out of commission and were of little value. No accurate estimate of the financial less can be made until there is a check-No accurate estimate of the financial case can be made until there is a checking up of the property destroyed. The government controlling the docks, there was no insurance on the wharves or the railroad property destroyed.

The cotton, fertilizers, nitrates and her property belonging to private interests, it is understood, were well covered by insurance.

# **BODY OF NEGRO FOUND**

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 15.—The body of Will Faukner, negro, age 35 years, bullet riddled, cut and malmed, was found banging to a tree about 10 miles north of here yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by officers.

Earlier in the day, when the negro was arrested by Shreveport officers, he was identified by Miss Willie Jeter, 15 years old, as the man whom she awakened yesterday morning to find bending over her in an attempt to stiffle her cries. A coroner's jury also decided that Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Owens, an aged couple, came to their death at the hands of Faukner after he had crushed their skulls while they were asleep. The tragedy occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owens, where Miss Jeter, a niece of the couple, is residing, 10 miles from this city on the Dougiass Island plantation.

A band of 50 masked men accosted local officers as they were carrying the negro to the Benton iail, overnow-DRYS ASK PEACE

## ONE TENNESSEE CASUAL **COMPANY REACHES PORT**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The transport Orizaba is due at New York about Feb. 24, the war department announced today, with casual companies as follows:

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Virginia, one; Tennessee, one; West
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ome; South Carolina, one, and marine,
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company and battenes A, B, C, D, E
and F, of the 534th field artillery.
Other troopships on route home are Other troopenips en route home are the West Point, due at Beston Feb. 27; the Florence Luckenbach, due at New York March i, and the Artemis, due at New York Feb. 25, with a few casuals

## FRED P. PELTER WILL GET BIG SEND-OFF

Employes of every branch of the service of the Southern railroad whose duties bring them in touch with the Memphis division, according to reports in Southern circles, are eagerly working in the preparations now under way to properly "send off" Fred P. Pelter, superintendent of the Memphis division of the Southern, recently promoted to be general superintendent of the Georgia Southern & Florida railroad, and two of its tributary lines, with headquarters at Macon, Ga.

The "festival" which is to be a tribute to Mr. Pelter from his former men, is to be held at Sheffield, Ala, on Feb. 28. If every man of the Southern's forces who wants to be on hand when they entertain their former chief makes his way to Sheffield there will be no trains in or out of Memphis that day. Employes of every branch of the ser-

## CIVIC CLUB WANTS CHARTER REFERENDUM

The Lamar-Magnolia Civic club goes on record as opposing the city-manager len without a referendum as to its adoption. This stand was taken Friday night when the club met at the Rosell schoolhouse and voted to protest its passage unless the people were allowed a referendum.

The club also indorsed the Parent-Teacher associations and the report of the Rotary club school committee in trging immediate repairs on schools. The body approved a bond issue of 20,000 for this work. They will have delegation of three present at the salool board Saturday night.

The club also indorsed the stand of Treasurer R. J. Stanare, who individually protested against the action of the school board in charging fees for the school board in charging fees for the use of school buildings for other than school purposes. The Lamar-Magnella Civic club goes

## OAKLAND BOILERMAKERS STILL OUT ON STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 .- Oakland SAN FRANCISCO. Feb. 15.—Oakland beliermakers numbering several thousand, who are on strike for higher wages, last night refused to return to work as requested by their international officers on pain of loss of their union cards. The men are seeking higher wages than allowed them under the recent machinery award. Their employers have refused to negotiate with them, as have federal officials, while they continue on strike.

# Metz Bears Imprint Of Germans' Molding After Long Tenure

BY FRANK H. SIMONDS. Special Cable to The News Scimitar.

(Copyright, 1919, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.) PARIS, Feb. 15 .- At the moment when the peace conference is dealing with theories of world reconstruction, with the ushering in of a new world, it has been my good fortune, through the courtesy of the French government, to see the Old World being restored, not in theory, but in fact, in Alsace-Lorraine, and particularly in Metz. I have seen older civilization, Latin culture, reoccupying territory lost half a century ago, BOTH TRAINS MOVING VALUED AT MILLIONS returning to its monuments still undestroyed. There, and not in Paris or in London, one must look to see the effect of the

in Paris or in London, one must look to see the effect of the recent world decision.

And in Motz even more than in any dovastated area or on any contested battlefield—and I have seen most of both—one feels the magnitude of the thing that was yesterday the German empire on the march, and may be the German republic on the march tomorrow. In Lille, in Douat, in cities recently relinquished after four years of occupation signs of the German occupation are everywhere. There is the consciousness of a great and malign split recently exercised, but after all its stay was brief, and French life, French spirit, is rapidly reasserting the first of the first split in the same than the first of the first split in the same than the first of the first split in the same than the first split in the interesting the first split in the same in this Lorraniae town. Metz is a living part of France today, but it is yet suffering from long restraint. Its life reopens, but with great difficulty of long restraint. Its life reopens, but with great difficulties.

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Yet it is not the material side of the German occupation that one must first observe, Here 50 years age was a little city as French as Tours or Orleans, a gardson town with a history going back to Roman times, with forts dating from Vauban. In its population there was not a German and there had not been for centuries. In 1870 Metz was a sleepy little French town, politically and economically nothing, militarly important, because like Verdun it covered the road to the heart of France. Out of this calm, Metz was as sleepy little French came for centuries. In 1870 metz was a little city as a feely little from the manufaction, and then the German came familiae for the first special processor

ment with the guns recently laid upon Paris.

Metz Was Remolded.

And now, after half a century the story of German occupation lies open to the traveler. More than this, there is disclosed clear and unmistakeable evidence of what the German meant to do to all of us in time, perhaps still means to do, for in Metz as nowhere cise in all his conquered lands the German as Metz seemed from the railroad quarters, seemed from the region of the new town, where the German stream, and expressed his soul, or his lack of soul; his materialism his doctrine of machanical efficiency. Poor, held strangled, totally suppressed Metz is just beginning to peer out from the darkness of 50 years of German domination, to supply enduring evidence of what the German means. If you would understand him altogether, go to Metz. The whole story is there.

And this is the story as you will find

CONFERENCE FOR

## BLANKET FREIGHT RATES ARE ORDERED ABOLISHED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-Elimination of all blanket railroad freight rates between the so-called Shreveport tri-

FULL PROTECTION

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Antisaloon League Will Send

Delegation to Paris to Make

New Trade Agreements

That Will Shut Out Booze.

Westerville, Ohio, Feb. 15.—National headquarters of the Antisaloen league had sent a delegation to the peace conference at Paris to ask that the United States "be protected in its prohibition into effect."

League officials also announced that the work of the Antisaloen league officials also announced that the work of the Antisaloen league officials also announced that the work of the Antisaloen league officials also announced that the work of the Antisaloen league officials also announced that the work of the Antisaloen league officials also announced that the work of the Antisaloen league officials also announced that the work of the Antisaloen league officials also announced that the work of the Antisaloen league officials also announced that the work of the Antisaloen league is to be extended to all of the larger countries of the world.

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Antique and all league officies will be opened in Melbourne.

Delegation to Paris to attand the peace conference, are: Bishop James, Cannon, Jr., of Richmond, Va. Dr. H.-B. Carre, Nashville, an educator, and L. B. Missrove, Birmingham, planter and banker.

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## LOWERY TO TEXAS.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 15.—
North Carolina Republicans met in their annual convention here at noon today to discuss party affairs and plans for the next presidential and congressional comparison. With H. Mays, chairman of the Republican potional committee, was to deliver the procipal address this affernoon.

Predictions were made that the convention would indorse woman suffrage, which the Democratic party has refused to do.

LOWERY TO TEXAS.

Lieut, William Lowery, instructor at Park field, San Antonio, Tex., with a geompanion to answer charges of embezaling \$300 last June, preferred reached Stanley Trezevant, local marsh, but upon request of Maj. J. W. Simons, commander at Park field, Lowery was permitted to return under escent of the Democratic party has refused to do.

## LATEST BRITISH AIR SHIPS OF HIGH POWER

machinery award. Their employers have refused to negotiate with them, as have refused to negotiate with them, as have federal officials, while they continue on strike.

LONDON, Feb. 15. (British Wireless Service.)—The Daily Mail publishes the lifest particulars of one of the latest types of British rigid airships, the building of which has been done secretly. These vessels are equal in size to the most successful type of Zeppelins that they will equal, if not exceed, Zeppelins of the Nixon Wholesale Grocery company's company, destroyed that company's point early today with an estimated loss of \$200,000, partly covered by insurance.

LONDON, Feb. 15. (British Wireless diameter of 79 feet and a capacity of 5 or a continuous flight of eight days and a speed of at least 70 miles an building of which has been done secretly. These vessels are equal in size to the most successful type of Zeppelins that they will equal, if not exceed, Zeppelins performances.

The first of this type was originally designed for ocean-going war service.

The craft has a length of 670 feet, 5

CAROLINA REPUBLICANS

Steel Girder Protruding From Flat Car Tears Off Top of One Passenger Coach and Rips Sides of Three.

## SLOWLY AT THE TIME

Most of Injured Were Cut by Flying Glass and Several Women Were Trampled Upon in Panic.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 15.—Twelve persons were injured, several seriously, when a steel girder protruding from a flat car of a westbound freight train ask night tere one side from three parlor car's of the eastbound Cincinnati-Pittsburgh express on the Pennsylvania railroad at Oakdale, near here. The injured, some of whom were woman, were brought to Pittsburgh hospitals.

Both trains were moving slowly when the 66-foot girder, believed to have been joited from its position on the flat car, struck the express. It tore the roof from one of the steel parlor gars and ripped the side from all three.

Most of the injured were cut by flying glass. Several wemen fainted and were trampled in the panie which followed the crash.

Among the seriously injured is W. G. Merrick, of Atlants.

Street Car Companies Want State and Not City to Assess Them.

The people of the state are just beginning to understand the provisions of the proposed public utilities bill that the state corporations are preparing to introduce in the legislature with a view of giving the state railroad commission unlimited powers over corporations and public utilities in the various cities of the state, and already concarted oupcosition is developing to fight the measure when it is brought up in the legislature, according to legislature who have returned from Nashville. It is said on good authority that the street railway company of Chattane hasked by carporate interests in purpose to the state, are being the bill.

T. H. Tutwiler, president of the Memphis Street Railway company, was in Nashville Friday, and other heads of public utilities visited the capital last week, it is said.

The public utilities bill proposes to take away from the city governments of the state the power to control, supervise, assess and fix rates and charges, and vest this power in the state railroad commission.

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Lawautts are expected to follow any sitempt en the part of the commission to abrogate or abridge any contracts made between cities and public utilities, in the event the proposed bill is enacted into a law.

The local city administration, according to Mayor Monteverde, is preparing to fight the measure.

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## FEHRENBACH IS HEAD OF GERMAN ASSEMBLY

LONDON. Feb. 15.—Konstantine Febrenbach, centrist, former president of the reichstag, has been elected president of the German national as-sembly, according to a Reuter's dia-patch from Basic, quoting Weimer ad-

## CONVICTS WANTED TO SEE STOCKADE FIRE

The stockade at the convict camp of the county at Oakville was burned to the ground last Thursday, according to the county commissioners. It is chargeds that Jake Love and Roy Shelby, two white dope flends, set fire to the stockade just to see the fire. They were taken to the workhouse and held pending further investigation.

None of the convicts escaped and the work on the roads in that section was continued.

## MARCUS LOEW COMING TO BUILD NEW HOUSE

Marcus Loew, owner of the atring of Loew's theaters, and E. A. Schiller, Southern manager for the corporation, are scheduled to arrive in Memphis Menday to form concrete plans for the crection of the new theater for Loew's \$60,000 DAI

Tennessee—Fair west, cloudy central and east portions, colder; Sunday fair. Mississippi—Fair, colder east por-tion, probably freezing temperature in-terior and frost on the coast; Sunday

Louisiana—Fair, somewhat colder, freezing in the interior, frost on the neast; Sunday fair. Oklahoma-Fair; Sunday fair, rising

Meeting of Representative Men Wants 10,000,000 **Acres Changed From Cotton** to Food and Pasture Crops.

Merchants from the city, merchants from the county, bankers, cotton buyers, farmers, white and negroes, and many parsons representing other occupations gathered at the county court-room in the courthouse Saturday to hear the talks favoring the reduction of the cotton acreage and the Increase in acreage of foodstuffs for man and heast as the best method to inaugurate successful farming in the South and avert a crisis of low-priced cotton.

The speakers at the get-together meeting were conservative and refrained from advocating anything radical. The resolution passed by the meeting was satisfactory to an and regarded as practical in every way.

J. P. Norfiect, who called the meeting at the request of the governor of the state, presided as permanent chairman and Barry Thompson as secretary.

The gist of the resolution follows:

main committee would not be named until next week, as the members of the present committee will be in New

similar meeting in that city.

Among the speakers were: J. P.
Norfiest, the chafman; Charles J.
Haase, temporary chairman: E. L.
Rice, of the Bank of Commerce and
Trust company; George R. James,
farmer and president of the Wm. R.
Moore Dry Goods company; C. F. J.
Mooney, editor of the Commercial Appeal, and S. Y. Wilson, merchant and
planter of Arlington. peat, and S. Y. Wilson, merchant and planter of Arlington.

The meeting was held under the aus-pices of the Cotton exchange, Mer-chants' exchange, Chamber of Com-merce, the Memphis Clearing House as-sociation and the farm development bureaus.

## INFORMED U.S. TROOPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Detroit citizens, headed by Representative Doremus, of Michigan, who appealed to Secretary Baker today to withdraw American troops from Northern Russia, were told that the best military minds were dealing with the question of reinforcing the expedition if necessary; that there was no danger of the force being cut off from relief, and that the question of withdrawal could be worked out only in agreement with the associated nowers.

ON SCHOOL BONDS

Representatives of the Federation of Farent-Teacher associations, the Speedway and the Lamar-Magnolia Civic clubs, the Rotary school committee and many citizens will be present at the special meeting of the school board Saturday night in its rooms in the Goodway institute building.

The meeting promises to be one of vital importance to Memphis mothers and fathers, as it will be the starting of an extensive campaign to renovate the schools along repair, fire hazard and sanitary lines.

The Speedway club will have a delegation to protest against the issuance of a \$2.000,000 bond issue, while the Lamar-Magnolia club will indorse an issue as high as \$200,000 for immediate repair work on the schools. The former club met Friday night at the home of Percy Todd, 1085 Greenlaw avenue, but, besides protesting against the huse bond issue, indorsed one for the estimated amount necessary to make the needed repairs. The latter club voted Friday night at the Rozelle school as to their stand.

The parent-teachers will be present to continue their campaign for better schools, adding in any manner in which they can. The Rotary club will have its school committee of which M. S. Binswanger is chairman, formally to present the report on school conditions, which M. Binswanger estimated will take \$2,000,000 to remedy.

Many citizens are expected to be present to listen to the arguments of the different bodies.

# \$60,000 DAMAGES

serection of the new theater for Loew's vaudeville.

Manager Ben Stainback, of the local theater, is preparing an "itinepary" for the two Monday, making engagements for conferences with lecal capitalists immermen, etc., relative to the construction work. The amount formerly announced to be expended in building the theater was \$890,000.

TRANSPORT IN PORT.

NEW YORK Feb. 15.—The transport Harrisburg. which sailed from Brest Feb, 5 with 2.231 troops, arrived today. Those on board the Harrisburg included the headquarters staff, headquarters and supply companies, medical detachment and companies. A to G, inclusive, of the 358th infantry (negro of the 292d division, national army. The troops will be sent to Camp Upton, L. 1.

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With Temporary Disposal of League of Nations Plan Peace Council Now to Air Food and Trade Situation.

BLOCKADE, SHIPPING AND RAW MATERIALS INVOLVED

Supreme Economic Council Comprising Trained Financial and Commercial Minds Is in Complete Charge. PARIS. Feb. 15 .- With the subject

in this connection dates back only to Feb. 8.

This body is the supreme economic council, and its work is of the greatest inunciliate importance. It has been charged temperarily during the armistice period, to handle only such pressing questions as are the disposition to be made of shipping, the abatement of the blockade, which has been holding back not only the enemy's industry, but that of neutrals, the distribution of raw materials, and finally these financial questions that require instant attention.

This council, which includes some of the ablest financial and business minds of America and Europe, has firmly but quictly and without exciting animosity been supplanting the military officials who had been dealing with the same subjects.

CLUBS DIFFER
ON SCHOOL BONDS
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## SCHEIDEMANN WARNS

WEIMAR, Feb. 15. (By the Associated Press)—Philipp Scheidemann, the chancellor of the new government, showed himself able to handle conflicting demonstrations in the new national assembly with no sign of being intimidated by the wildest opposition or moved by the severe heckling. No speaker since the meeting of the national assembly was opened has been so outspoken toward his opponents. One of the Indidents of his speech was his reference to Austria's desire to join Germany. He gaid:

"We desire no reluctant adherents and by the same token nobody wishing to join us should be prevented."

There was almost a threat in his warning: "The entente is able to force any kind of peace on Germany, but if it is an unjust peace, 70,000,000 people of forset."

Adolf Groeber, centrist, followed the chancellor, as leader of the next strongest party, and, like Herr Scheidemann, eminhasized "work" as the watchword of the new republic. He protested against the stowness in arranging for peace, the severity of the armissice conditions, the French desire for annexations, the French desire for annexations and the french desire for annexations and the french desire for annexa "would contain meeds of new wars un-less constructed on principles of just-

## AFTER CURB MEN.

HOUSE TURNS DOWN LONG SENATE RECESS PROPOSAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 15. (Spl.)—
The house refused to concur in senate amendment to the resolution calling for a recess which sought to extend the period of the recess from two to three weeks, or from Feb. 21 to March 17.

# Arkansas—Fair, somewhat colder axcept in northwest portion; Sunday fair, rising temperature. COST OF WAR TO BIG NATIONS 179 BILLIONS for diverge in chancery court against his wife, Camille Meyer Bensdorff. The

Oklahoma—Fair; Sunday fair, rising temperature.

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Kentucky—Cloudy and colder, local snews north portion; Sunday fair.

South Carolina—Fair, colder tonight, frost on the coast if weather clears; Sunday fair.

Florida—Fair, colder, probably frost in north and interior of central portions; Sunday fair.

Alabama—Fair, colder, freezing temperature interior, frost on the coast, if weather clears; Sunday fair.

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OBSERVED IN ARKANSAS

INTILE ROCK, Ark, Feb. 14.—Safe and same cotton meetings are being the least of the state, Reports from the various countries indicate that a reduction in the state, and it is reduction in the state and it is heliaved that an articular state articular state and it is heliaved that an articular state and it is heliaved that an articular state articular state and it is heliaved that an articular state articular state and it is heliaved that an articular state articular state and it is heliaved that an articular state articular state and it is heliaved that an articular state articular state and it is heliaved that an articular state articular state and it is heliaved that an articular state articular state. States, here today.

hought of Municipal Control Throws Fear Into Them Trying to Intimidate Legis-

We pledge ourselves unreservedly to the city manager plan govern-ment as proposed by the business men's committee, and agree to ca-nct and support legislation to that

F. L. MONTEVERDE. C. W. MILLER. \* A. D. MASON.

The advocates of a broken please are preparing to stage a mass meeting at the Lyric theater next week. It was granged for at a meeting of a few politicians and office-holders in a lawyer's office a few nights ago.

An attempt is being made to incide the labor people against the proposed amendment to the city charter, providing for the city manager plan of government, by urging them to insist upon a referendum. The advocates of a broken please

do not be named the members of will be in New seek to attain a ficility.

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WORK FOR COMMISSION

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WEIMAR, Feb. 15. (By the Associated reass)—The commission of ports, railways and waterways, he newspaper says, and waterways, the newspaper says, the present of the particular of the Daily Mail.

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## BENSDORF SUES WIFE: REASONS KEPT SECRET

his wife, Camille Aleyer Beneaver. The papers were withdrawn and attorneys declined to state what was the ground for asking divorce.

Gates and Martin are representing the petitioner and the defendant is represented by Lee Goodman.

## SAFE AND SANE DAY IS

Presidential Party Aboard U. S. S. Washington and Is Expected to Touch U. S. Soil at Boston.

## WILL MAKE ADDRESS SOON AFTER ARRIVAL

In Brest Farewell Message to French People President Said He Had Been Received and Treated as a Friend.

BREST, Feb. 15 President Wilson oft Breat on his return to the United States on board the U.S. S. George Washington shortly after 11 octobe his morning The cleorge Washington

## WILSON AND PARTY ARE EN ROUTE TO U. S.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—With today's plenary resision of the peace conference concluded, and the newly framed covenant of the league of nations read and discussed. President Wilson left Paris tonight for Brest on his way back to the United States. Mrs. Wilson accompanied him.

communied him.

When the peace conference delegates assembled at the foreign office this afternoon there was the feeling among them that a historic moment had arrived. It was the third plenary session of the peace conference, and there was the same setting of distinguished personnel and solemn dignity that

rest along with three hierroes who were assisting him. The distillery was discovered by accident.

PUBLISHES LIST OF 25

NEW TROOP VESSELS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The navy department made public loday a list of 25 vessels now being fitted out to g supplement the transport service in bringing back American troops. All but two of them are scheduled to be in that service by March 18 indicating the speeding up of the flow of returning troops that in to be expected.

The contracts for altering the other two have not been awarded.

The Them we was every evidence of official and popular cordiality.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—An official statement dealing with the meeting today of the commission on reparations says:

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# PLAN BY FRENCH PAPERS

PARIS. Feb. 15.—The constitution of the society of nations arouses little enthusiasm in the French press. At best it is "damned by faint praise." The Flagro, the organ of the ruling classes, says:

"The commission on the initiative of its libustrious chairman, President Wilson, whely decided not to raviah tomorrow from the eternal and confined itself to making safe the present. The mystic society of nations has, then, become a league of the five great powers which beat Germany and which having conquered, mean to consolidate both victory and peace. A close alliance (Continued on Page 4, Column 3.)